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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

In reply to the Office Action of August 21, 2007, the following remarks are submitted:

As an Initial matter, Applicant notes that all three (3) Requests for Interference have been withdrawn or are moot in light of amendments to or cancellations of the claims. The First Request for Interference filed December 19, 2003, given the cancellation of copied claim 22 from U.S. Application No. 10/222,571 (corresponding to claim 1 of the present application), and amendments to claim 1, was withdrawn on January 26, 2006. Furthermore, given the cancellation of claims 2-5 (subject of the Second Request for Interference) and 6-9 (subject of the Third Request for Interference), the Second and Third Requests for Interference are moot. As such, Applicant submits that the Examiner no longer needs to consider these three (3) Request for Interference.

As discussed below, the present Office Action includes objections to the specification and rejections of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraphs. As such, Applicant notes that the Examiner's previous prior art rejections of the claims have not been repeated in the present Office Action. Accordingly, Applicant

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